



Indonesian Sect Attacked *en masse* Demanded To Officially Register



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The Chairman of the Directorate General of Buddhism of the Indonesian Religious Affairs Ministry, Supriyadi, has said that one of Buddhism sects in Indonesia, Shinsei Bukkyo, is a misleading and heretical one. Not only has its founder in Japan, Toraibutsu, claimed to be (a messenger of) god, but also it has not been registered in the ministry. It is similar to that of Lia Eden sect. Its leader Lia Aden also claimed to be (the messenger of) God.

According to him, there are 27 Buddhism sects in Indonesia and two of them are from Japan, namely, Nichiren-Shu and Nichiren Shosu.

Mentioning a report saying that some groups of people in Citaranggul, Sentul, Bogor had attacked *en masse* a building in Sentul City where the followers of Shinsei Bukkyo were conducting their religious activities, he admitted that there was no official fatwa [religious ruling] banning the sect.

He explained about their excuse for conducting such an action. They found out that there was no official permit issued on using the building to carry out religious activities. He also said that his department could not either protect or supervise the sect as it had not been registered in his office yet.

He recommended, however, that the management of Shinsei Bukkyo make their time to immediately report their activities and their religious teachings to the Ministry of Religious Affairs, the Ministry of Law and Human Rights, and the Home Ministry.

According to the leader of the Indonesian Shinsei Bukkyo (新生佛教, 新生佛教教団), Rudy Chandra, the sect was established by Toraibutsu in Japan in 1954.

Not only did Rudy keep silent about its missionary work, spreading up its teachings in Bogor, but he also decided not to talk about its "journal" named *Nippon Jiji Hyouron* (日本時事評論), which was published twice a month, was the first half of the 2000s anti-feminist backlash epicentre, consisting of Japan's conservative groups.

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